



QUEEN ANNE'S GATE LONDON SW1H 9AT

10 December 1987

Dear David,

BROADCASTING SPECTRUM STUDIES

Thank you for your letter of ^{11/12} 30 November.

Although we decided in 1982, after careful study and independent advice, that VHF spectrum should be withdrawn from broadcasting use, I agree that for the sake of completeness it makes sense to examine the technical feasibility of providing additional television services on VHF as well as on UHF and microwave frequencies (MVDS). Clearly the more information we have about the availability of spectrum for broadcasting purposes the better. Accordingly I am content for my Department to participate in the study you propose. As it will concern the national planning of the radio frequency spectrum I have taken it that your Department will meet the costs of the study.

It is, I know, common ground that once we have the results of these technical studies we shall have to consider a number of difficult policy questions about whether new services should be allowed, and under what regulatory conditions, how they should be financed and what the implication will be for other services existing in prospect (including cable and DBS).

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours,

Douglas.

BROADCASTING: Radio Frequency · Apr 82

